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SUBJ: U.S. SAUDI JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION: OFFICE IN RIYADH

REF : STATE 58852

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES THOUGHTS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL. WE ARE MOSTLY IN AGREEMENT, BUT HAVE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

A. WHILE WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH TRANSMISSION OF INFORMAL THOUGHTS OF SAG REGARDING PROGRAM REVISIONS OR PROPOSALS (PARA 3), BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A COPY OF SAME. THIS WOULD HELP US KEEP ABREAST OF MATTERS AND ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR HASTILY TRYING TO GET UP TO DATE BEFORE DISCUSSING WHETHER OR NOT A FORMAL PROPOSAL SHOULD BE MADE TO WASHINGTON. WE ASSUME THAT PARA 4 APPLIES TO SUCH INFORMAL COMMUNICATIONS.

B. ALTHOUGH WE DO AGREE THAT A DIPLOMATIC TITLE IS NOT MANDATORY FOR THE RIYADH OFFICE DIRECTOR, HIS DEALINGS WITH HIS SAUDI COUNTERPARTS WILL BE EASIER IF HE DOES HAVE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TITLE. A TITLE WILL HELP TO FORMALLY ESTABLISH HIS POSITION

IN SAUDI EYESA AND ALSO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON HIS POSITION, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS POSITION ON THE COUNTRY TEAM. WILL THERE BE A PROBLEM ABOUT A SECOND DIPLOMATIC TITLE IN RIYADH? WE RECALL POSTS ARE LIMITED TO A SINGLE DIPLOMATIC OFFICER OUTSIDE OF THE CAPITAL. IN THIS REGARD, IT SHOULD BE MENTIONED THAT RIYADH IS THE CAPITAL OF SAUDI ARABIA; JIDDA IS MERELY THE SEAT OF THE EMBASSIES.

2. THE BEST WAY TO REDUCE THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPENDENCE OF THE RIYADH OFFICE ON THE EMBASSY IS TO SET UP IN RIYADH A CAPABLE, EXPERIENCED AND ADEQUATE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF UNDER THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE EMBASSY'S COUNSELOR FOR ADMINISTRATION. AN ATTEMPT BY RIYADH TO "GO IT ALONE" IS FAR MORE LIKELY TO USE MORE OF OUR TIME ON AN AD HOC BASIS THAN WOULD THE REGULARIZED RELATIONSHIP, AND IS LESS LIKELY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE OFFICE.

3. THE TRUST FUND SYSTEM OUTLINED IN PARA 7 SOUNDS FINE. TREASURY OFFICIALS SHOULD TALK WHILE EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR RIYADH WITH CORPS OF ENGINEERS, WHICH ALSO OPERATES ON A TRUST FUND.

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